

August 1, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR DOD STANDARDIZATION MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Approved MIL-STDs 961, 962, 967 and Associated Data Item Descriptions

Attached are the approved revisions for MIL-STDs 961, 962, and their associated data item descriptions and the newly approved MIL-STD-967 and its data item description. You may begin complying with these standards immediately for the preparation of defense specifications, standards, and handbooks. However, to give you an opportunity to process any documents near completion in accordance with the previous issues of these documents, compliance is not mandatory until November 17, 2003. After this date, the DoD Single Stock Point will reject any document not complying with the subject documents.

The most significant changes resulting from these revisions are the requirements to integrate amendments into specifications and changes into standards and handbooks rather than issue them as separate documents. One concern expressed is that this will invite comments outside the scope of the amendment or change. As is currently the policy, only those comments on the changes being introduced by the amendment or change need to be considered. Any other comments are only suggested for future consideration, unless the document preparer wishes to act on them. Your coordination letters should emphasize this point.

Another concern is about validation notices. The requirement for validation notices has been eliminated from MIL-STDs 961 and 962. We are in the process of developing a new, more customer-driven validation process that will not involve separate validation notices. However, if you wish to continue issuing validation notices until that new process is approved, you may continue to do so.

We greatly appreciate the comments that many of you provided during the development of these documents. If you have any questions about the new requirements, please email your question to Mr. Steve Lowell at stephen.lowell@dla.mil.



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Attachments:

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|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| (1) MIL-STD-961E | (6) DI-SDMP-81470A | (12) DI-SDMP-81476A |
| (2) MIL-STD-962D | (7) DI-SDMP-81471A | (13) DI-SDMP-81493A |
| (3) MIL-STD-967 | (8) DI-SDMP-81472A | |
| (4) DI-SDMP-81464A | (9) DI-SDMP-81474A | |
| (5) DI-SDMP-81465A | (10) DI-SDMP-81475A | |